Re. Statement by Government

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I would like to respond. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, the Government is responding. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I would like to respond, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy wants to respond. ...*(Interruptions)*... The Minister wants to respond.

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल (राजस्थान): सर, ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री उपसभापति: आप बैठिए। वे बोल रहे हैं। ...**(व्यवधान)**... कुछ रिकॉर्ड में नहीं जाएगा। ...*(Interruptions)*... Nothing will go on record. ...(Interruptions).. Mr. Sabir Ali, please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... Nothing will go on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... आप बैठिए। ...**(व्यवधान)**... साबिर अली जी, मैं कह रहा हूं कि आप प्लीज़ बैठ जाइए। ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Hon. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the hon. Members have expressed their feelings in the august House. The hon. Minister for External Affairs has already mentioned in the Lok Sabha that the Government will respond on the issue that the hon. Members have raised as regards our senior Cabinet colleague Shri Antulayji. The Government's response will definitely be coming to this House also. ...*(Interruptions)*... Kindly have some patience. ...*(Interruptions)*... We will tell you. We are going to sit up to 23rd of this month. Therefore, the Government will definitely come forward and explain the position. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI (Maharashtra): I need your ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Manohar Joshi ji, the Government have assured to come out with a statement. That is sufficient. ...*(Interruptions)*... We will now take up the Science and Engineering Research Board Bill, 2008. Mr. Kapil Sibal. ...*(Interruptions)*...

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Science and Engineering Research Board Bill, 2008

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to provide for the constitution of a Board for promoting basic research in Science and Engineering and to provide financial assistance to persons engaged in such research, academic institutions, research and development laboratories, industrial concerns and other agencies for such research and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration".

Sir, the Science and Engineering Research Board Bill, 2008 seeks to set up a Science and Engineering Research Board for promoting basic research in the country. Sir, I want to point out that over the last many years, in the Ministry of Science and Technology, in the Department of Science